

WESTERN FOREST FIRE SEASON OPENS FAVORABLY

Relief Felt by Forest Service Officials Because of Small Funds Available for Fighting Fires—Splendid Service Organized—Warns Public to be Careful.

Frequent rains have been a boon to the western forests this spring, and the officers of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, express themselves as greatly relieved at escaping a danger which has been keeping them on the anxious seat.

The danger was that if the summer fire season came on as usual their control on the National Forests would be impossible with the funds available before July 1, when a new fiscal year begins. The appropriation for the current fiscal year was heavily drawn upon to fight fires last summer and fall, and though a deficiency appropriation was obtained from Congress which partly replenished the fund, the amount available this spring for protecting the National Forests has been less than the average expenditures necessary during the same period in recent years. Hence the relief that frequent rains have kept the forests too damp to permit dangerous conditions to become general.

Public Is Becoming Interested But the Government foresters do not consider that this is entirely due to favorable weather and timely rains. The public is becoming interested in forest preservation, and the oft-repeated story of the destruction caused by human carelessness is beginning to make its impression. The United States leads all nations in forest fires. With over 30,000 fires per year, destroying nearly \$20,000,000 worth of timber and property, this country has the world outclassed.

There have only been four large fires so far this year in the 147 national forests scattered throughout the country—one in Minnesota, one in Florida, and the other in Arizona, one of which started in Mexico and swept across the international boundary. This is an exceptional record and means much to the Forest Service, since the limited funds allotted by

Congress for fire fighting are at low ebb near the close of the fiscal year, and entirely insufficient to meet emergencies.

Forest Service Taking No Chances There will be plenty of fires later in the year, state the forestry men. Lightning will set some, and campers, motorists, railroads, picnickers, and brush burners a good many more. The Forest Service is not taking any chances, however, for its 3,000 smoke chasers, fire lookouts, rangers, and supervisors are all "on their toes" to put into motion, at a moment's notice, the big fire-fighting machinery they have developed.

Eighty per cent of the forest fires that occurred in the United States during the past five years were due to human carelessness. A camp fire left burning, a lighted match or cigarette butt thoughtlessly thrown aside, the foresters say, often cause conflagrations that take days and weeks of hard work to suppress. It is for this reason that they ask every good citizen to adopt as a part of his daily creed the motto of the Forest Service—Put Out, Keep Out—Forest Fires.

GOOD ROAD MOVEMENT ON IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, July 19.—A campaign for members for the South Carolina Good Roads Association, extending into every county in the state, will be launched at once. L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, president of the association said today. An organization will be perfected in every county in the state and an intensive effort made to secure legislation at the next session of the General Assembly looking to the inauguration of a program of road-building on a large scale in this state, he said.

"It is the decision of the officers of the association that our first step must be organization," said Mr. Jennings. "We want to enroll in our organization every progressive man and woman in South Carolina who feels that the state should have a system of permanent highways."

"There are, as we see it, ten very strong reasons why South Carolina should have permanent state highways."

"First, because the present inadequate system of public roads in South Carolina constitutes our greatest eco-

nomie drain. Good roads are an asset, bad roads are a liability.

"Second, because the success of the agricultural, industrial, economic and social life of our state depends largely upon transportation—railroads and state highways."

"Third, the introduction of the automobile and the motor truck has rapidly changed the character of travel. State highways are absolutely necessary to meet these changed conditions."

"Fourth, state highways will mean improved school facilities, more churches, better farms, quicker communication, reduction in cost of transportation and generally improved conditions—moral, social and economical."

"Fifth, because a complete system of state highways will carry light into dark place, build up and improve the morals of our citizens and induce good people to settle in our midst."

"Sixth, because we must look beyond the county line—state construction and maintenance make for broad vision and high ideals. The Piedmont section of the state should be linked with the coastal section and the Pee Dee—we should know each other better."

"Seventh, because highways constructed and maintained by the state mean equal privileges to all, special privileges to none and will lay the foundation for the development of our rural districts, towns and commercial centers."

"Eighth, because prosperity is headed our way and it is absolutely necessary that the state provide a fund for Federal aid to be able to take advantage of the government's offer of Federal aid. All other states are making ample preparations along that line."

"Ninth, because more and better roads can be built and properly maintained by the state than through local units. County and townships will never provide a complete system, such as is needed by the state."

"Tenth, because every individual in the state of South Carolina will benefit directly or indirectly from a state system of public roads and, therefore, should contribute towards their construction."

"South Carolina must go forward. It cannot go forward without a state system of permanent highways. We believe the people of the state want them. We are going to organize that sentiment."

FOREST SERVICE DEPLORES WASTE IN WOOD TURNING

The Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture recommends a more intelligent use of timber after it is grown. Forest conservation deals with the utilization of wood in the sawmill or factory, as well as with its production in the forest. There is just as much conservation in making twice as many ax handles out of the same amount of wood as there is in doubling the amount of wood grown on a particular area.

Investigations made by the Forest Service have shown that in logging and manufacturing an average tree but 33 per cent of its total volume, including limbs and bark, is actually realized as seasoned rough lumber. As the starting point, only 85 per cent of it reaches the final manufactured form in planing mills and sash and door factories; and but 75 per cent of it appears as finished parts in the manufacture of furniture and vehicles. There is probably no wood-using industry in the United States in which there is a greater need of working out ways and means of saving raw material than the manufacture of turned products. In certain instances, 2 tons of hickory stock—a high-grade material rapidly becoming scarce—yielded but 400 pounds of finished handles.

NOTICE

The qualified voters residing in Alcolu School District No. 16 of Clarendon County, South Carolina, will hereby take notice that an election will be held at the school building in Alcolu on Friday, July 22nd, 1921, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether said district shall levy and collect annually a special tax of Six (6) mills for general school purposes in said district. Said tax being in addition to that now being levied. Polls open from 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.

By order of County Board of Education.
E. J. BROWNE,
County Supt. Education.

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE

I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Clarendon County, S. C., on the 1st day of August, 1921, for Letters of Discharge as Administrator of the Estate of Claude P. Huff, deceased.

C. B. Huff,
Administrator.
Sumter, S. C. June 23, 1921 pd.

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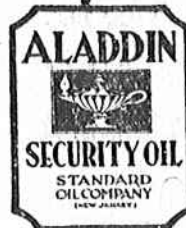
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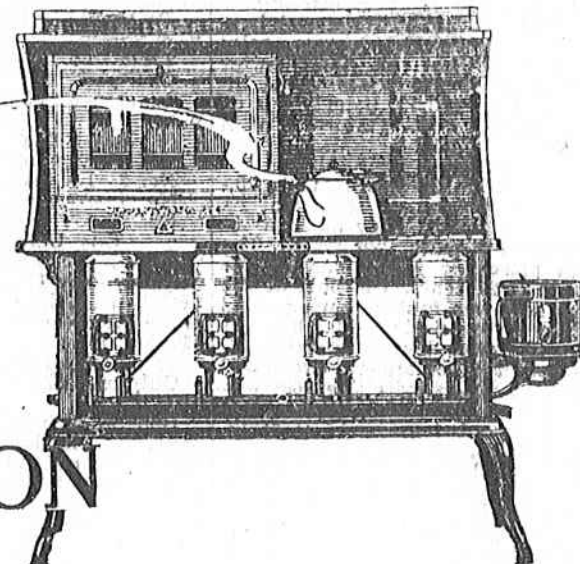
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FARMING RISKS GREATEST IN THE PLAINS STATES

Risks in the production of three great staple crops—corn, wheat, and oats—are greatest in the Plains States extending from Texas to North

Dakota. This general fact is established by the average yield, computed by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, for these three crops for each State from the records of 50 years.

On the other hand, the North Atlantic and the Western States are regions of comparatively low risk, or deviation of yield per acre from the average, for wheat and oats, and the entire Atlantic coast and the West for corn.

The great corn belt, with its enormous production and surplus above local consumption, is, after all, prominently subject to risks of weather, insects, and disease in the production of crops, and, while it would be going too far to say of this region as a whole that the results of its agriculture are either "a feast or a famine," yet there is a tendency in this direction as the area covered by the average becomes more restricted to county, township, and individual farm.

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